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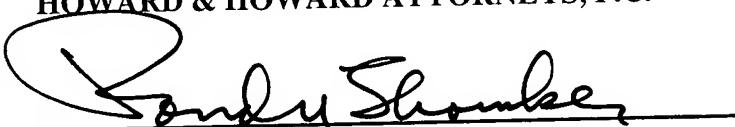
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated, June 18, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the invention of claims 1-11 in Group I drawn to a waste treating method. The election is made with traverse on the basis that all inventions require overlapping searches.

There is no change in the inventorship by virtue of this election.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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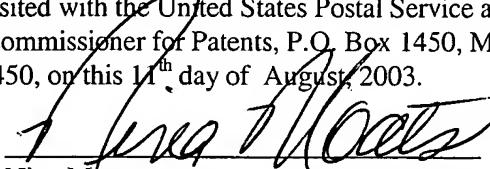
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